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**"Neither classes, nor masses; nor creeds, nor color of men's skins are to be counted at a time like this."**—Ext. Hon. Emmett J. Scott.

## Hon. Emmett J. Scott Speaks Here.

**Tells about the Great Work of the War Department—The Colored Soldiers' Troubles Referred to Him.**

**Improved Conditions for the "Brother in Black." New Avenues Opened and Important Duties Assigned to Them.**

"Neither classes, nor masses, nor creeds, nor color of men's skins are to be counted at a time like this when a great nation is at war with a defiant foe," declared Emmett J. Scott, special assistant to Secretary of War Baker, in addressing an audience of Richmond colored people which crowded the T. W. Higginson hall last Sunday. The speaker was for years closely associated with Booker T. Washington and later with Dr. Robert R. Moton, the Hampton educator who has taken Washington's place as head of Tuskegee Institute. He spoke last night under the auspices of the colored Y. M. C. A. and was introduced by John Mitchell, Jr. He is making a tour of the South in the interest of war work among the colored people.

"The colored people and the white people of Richmond," he said, "are proving that although they are different in color with history and traditions widely divergent, they are yet able to live side by side in a spirit of amity and good will—in peace and harmony—each contributing in their own way not only to the prosperity of the city, but to the welfare of the State and nation as well."

### PAID HIGH TRIBUTE TO RICHMOND'S COLORED PEOPLE.

The speaker paid high tribute to those of Richmond's colored people who have made such wonderful progress. Especially did he commend the work of J. M. C. A., who he said, deserved the earnest cooperation of his people in his effort to foster the principles of his organization in the minds of the colored youth of Virginia.

Concluding he said: "We are engaged in a great struggle, testing whether this nation, dedicated to liberty and the pursuit of happiness, shall perish from the earth; or whether we would accomplish our purpose, national unity must prevail. Sectionalism must be relegated to the rear, class feeling must be obliterated. A great, surging common willingness to serve a common purpose must prevail. The North, the South, the East, and the West each must sink its sectional feeling.

"Neither, classes nor masses, nor creeds, nor color of men's skins, are to be counted at a time like this, when a great nation is at war with a defiant foe. A common task demands a sinking of all, of everything, except patriotic zeal. If we are conquer, unity of feeling must emanate if we are to put forth our might power and achieve that victory for which we are struggling.

"Excellent musical selections were rendered by the Sabbath Glee Club, which entertained the audience. Mr. E. A. Coplin, delivered the address of welcome.

"The following excerpts from Mr. Scott's address will be of interest: Ladies and Gentlemen—It is a great honor to be permitted to speak today to representatives of the people of this city, far-famed as it is not only for the rare quality of its population, but no less so for its culture."

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**Mrs. Mary Hamm Harris Passes.**

Mrs. Mary Hamm Harris died Monday, February 25, 10:00 A. M., at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Nelson G. Booker, 303 E. Leigh street. Funeral services were conducted at the Fifth Street Baptist Church, Wednesday evening, February 27, at 8 o'clock. The pastor, Rev. T. J. King, preached an excellent eulogy from Psalms 90:12. Besides a husband, she leaves to mourn her loss, five children, Mrs. Julius Robinson, Baltimore, Md., Nelson G. Booker, Mrs. Robert Johnson, Mrs. James Morris and Miss Anna T. Hamm, and two grandchildren.

### BOYS FROM CAMP LEE RETURN THANKS FOR DINNER.

Mrs. W. R. Massie, who so generously entertained fifty-five young colored soldiers from Camp Lee at that memorable Christmas dinner at the rooms of the Young Women's Christian Association, Fifth and Duval streets, received a letter of gratitude and appreciation from them and the letter was signed by every one who had the honor to be present. Seldom is such thoughtfulness displayed when the pleasures are past, so Mrs. Massie and Mrs. Matilda Minums, through whom the entertainment was secured and managed, were happy to receive the letter.

Mrs. Massie is one of the leading and influential white ladies in the city of Richmond and her act was generally appreciated.

### ODD FELLOWS HONOR FOUNDER

The G. U. O. of Odd Fellows will hold a public meeting, Sunday March 3rd, at 3 P. M., at Price's Hall to honor Peter Ogden who started Odd Fellowship 75 years ago.

Mr. A. S. Jackson, Jr., of Va. U. U. will sing; M. V. P. R. Beecher Taylor will deliver an address; Mr. Percy Ellis will present a paper.

Members and Household inmates are invited to come. Under auspices of Henrico Lodge, 1994.

### MISS ANNIE MAE VANN WEDS.

Miss Annie Mae Vann of Como, N. C., was married to Sergeant Horace Poindexter of Indianapolis, Ind. Sergeant Poindexter was in K. Troop Tenth Cavalry, but is now enroute to Des Moines, Iowa.

### Card of Thanks.

Mrs. Hettie Smith, 729 W. Leigh street, who was stricken with Apoplexy sometime ago is improving. She wishes to thank her many friends and the Fifth Street Baptist Church for the kindnesses shown her.

### Stockholders' Meeting.

Notice is hereby given to all stockholders of The American Beneficial Insurance Company that the annual stockholders meeting of said Company will be held at the Home Office of this Company, 613 A. N. Street, 1st floor, on Tuesday March 26th, 1918 at 8 o'clock P. M. Do not fail to be present.

J. THOMAS HEWIN, President.  
R. W. ANDERSON, Secretary.

### Frenchman to Address Brotherhood and the Y. M. C. A.

"Prestige of the Colored People of Virginia as Per the Observations of a Foreigner," is the subject of an address to be delivered by Mr. Maxime Ducharme, a prominent business man of Richmond, at the Fifth Street Baptist Church next Thursday night, under the auspices of the Y. M. C. A. and the Brotherhood of the Fifth Street Baptist Church. Mr. C. N. Jackson will introduce the speaker. The public is cordially invited.

**WANTED**—a girl from 13 to 15 years of age. A good home and good wages to the right party. Address G. Planet Office, 311 North 4th St., Richmond, Va.

### CORRECTIONS.

In my account of my trip to Elizabeth City, N. C. I inadvertently stated that I visited the Roanoke Institute, when I should have said North Carolina State Colored Normal and Industrial School, of which Prof. P. W. Moore is the very able Principal.

The faculty for this year is as follows: W. A. Burgess, A. B., Miss Carrie B. Thomas, B. S., Miss Willie B. Holloman, Miss Sarah E. Parker, Miss Eunice V. Berry, Miss Helen A. Taylor, Miss Inez Elliott, Archibald W. Ridley, Miss Florence M. Dykes, A. B., Mrs. Fannie O. Butler, Mrs. S. T. Moore.

Professor Moore is an instructor of rare executive ability and the institution is a model of its kind in the State of North Carolina. The Church at which I spoke was the Lebanon A. M. E. Zion Church and is the largest in that city, white or colored. The able pastor has made a most favorable impression upon the community.

### JOHN MITCHELL, JR.

#### A CARD.

Realizing the growing demand for better and more efficient service along "THE ICE CREAM" line, I have entered an agreement with THE PURITY CORPORATION to take care of all orders for ice creams in any shape and form, satisfaction guaranteed, deliveries made anywhere (traffic is accessible).

"Thanking my many friends and the public generally, for the past liberal patronage, and wishing a continuance of the same, I am yours truly,

N. WINSTON.

Please order early in the day. Phone Madison 2253—Call Winston, 4

### MT. O. SPRING LECTURE COURSE.

In order that our people may be properly advised along various lines, there will be given at Mt. Olive Baptist Church a series of lectures, beginning the second Sunday, March 10th, 1918, at 4 P. M.

The following have consented: Second Sunday, A Medical Doctor. Third Sunday, An Attorney-at-Law. Fourth Sunday, A Popular Editor. Fifth Sunday, A Prominent Female Lecturer. Second Sunday in April, A Noted Doctor of Divinity.

Now, who are they? Can you guess? All are welcome. (Watch this space.)

Rev. J. Andrew Bowler, Pastor.

### In Memoriam.

In memory of my dear son, Ralph Roland, who departed this life one year ago, today, March 2, 1917:

We are lonely, O, so lonely,  
How we miss you, none can tell;  
Since the time our loving Saviour  
Called you home with Him to dwell

Yet again, we hope to meet thee  
When the days of life are fled,  
And in Heaven with joy to greet thee,  
Where no farewell tears are shed.

—By his Father and Mother,  
ANDREW and MAGGIE HAZELL.

### MARRIAGE ANNOUNCEMENT.

Rev. and Mrs. J. Andrew Bowler announce the approaching marriage of their daughter, Evelyn Hope, to Mr. Robert E. Harris, Jr., at their residence, 112 E. Leigh street, Thursday evening, March 14, 1918, eight o'clock.

Friends invited. No cards.

At home after March 20th, 11 Landon Terrace, Schenectady, New York.

### THE NEGRO SOLDIERS OF AMERICA.

#### WHAT WE ARE FIGHTING FOR.

(By Lucian B. Watkins)

We fight—and for DEMOCRACY.

Lord, we are glad of this sweet chance

To have whatever hells there be

Beside the bleeding heart of France!

We fight—for all who suffer pain.

We give our souls in sympathy;

We fight that Liberty may reign

From Berlin—unto Tennessee.

To Tennessee—where last we saw

Infernal brands of death applied

To men—the men, within the law.

But "lawless" as they moaned

And died.

In Tennessee—where vain, it seems,

Have been the gifts of passing years,

Where vain have been the eternal dreams

And toll of Lincoln, sag with tears.

In Tennessee—where Life's best part

Rich "pearls" are cast before the wind

CHRIST'S GOLDEN RULE that

rules the heart

And keeps man nearer The Divine.

In Tennessee—where Wrong is

Might

With Hate and Horror on the throne,

Where GOD'S DEMOCRACY of

LIGHT

AND LOVE, it seems, has never

shone.

In Tennessee—and all her kin

Of sister criminals, year by year,

Who've lost the consciousness of sin,

The tenderness that is a tear.

We fight—and for DEMOCRACY.

We'll dare Atlantic's tragic foam

Go "over the top,"—Lord, let us see

PEACE AND ITS HAPPINESS AT HOME!

Hotel Warden, Omaha, Nebraska,

February 23, 1918.

Y. W. C. A. Notes.

The vesper services will be at five

thirty, Sunday.

Miss Beatrice Walker is spending

a few days with us enroute to Atlanta

where she will do war work.

The committee of management will

launch its finance campaign Monday

March 4 and will continue the campaign

throughout the week.

We have an opening for a young-

ster to learn the Printer's Trade,

Linoyping, etc. THE PLANET, 311

North Fourth street.

A girl about the age of 8 or 10

years of age can secure a good home

and as one of the family by applying

to W. S. W. 709 Eighth avenue, Bel-

mar, New Jersey.

—Deacon I. H. Scott, 1107 N. 1st

Street has been down with the La

Grippe for about two weeks. We hope

him a speedy recovery.

—Mrs. Mary E. Johnson of 1921

Decatur street Southside has been in

disposed this week.

—Dr. W. N. Frayser of Louisville,

Ky., was in the city this week. He has

enlisted in the Medical Reserve Corp.

—Mrs. Blanche E. Riley, (nee

Hatcher) of New York, the daughter

of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Hatcher, 1917

Decatur street, South Richmond, is

down on account of the sickness of

her father. Mr. Hatcher is improving.

GIRLS PROTECTIVE LEAGUE!

All Superintendents and members

of the National Protective League for

Negro Girls are requested to meet at

the Ebenezer Baptist Church, Monday,

March 4th at five P. M. All girls

and their friends are urged to be

present to help arrange for the needle

and record shower for the soldiers at

Camp Lee.

Ora Brown Stokes, superintendent;

Martha A. Fowlkes, Corresponding

Secretary.

GREAT DAY AT FIFTH BAPTIST.

Sunday, March 10, 1918 will be a

great day at the Fifth Baptist Church

corner Harvie and Cary streets, Rev.

A. D. Dalry, pastor. Hon. John

Mitchell, Jr. will deliver his famous

lecture, subject, "The World's War."

Program commences at 3:30 and

Dr. William H. Stokes, pastor of the

Ebenezer Baptist Church, will intro-

duce the Editor. Special music by

one of Richmond's famous quartets.

The Oriental Beneficial Club and

the Ladies' Auxiliary will attend this

meeting in a body to hear this dis-

tinguished speaker. The members and

friends of this Church are cordially

invited to be present.

**"Within a month from the beginning of hostilities Africans of Gold Coast compelled the surrender of 34,000 square miles of German territory."**

## Colored People's Part in the World War.

**The Fight in Africa—Many Square Miles Wrenched From Germany—Black Troops Display Great Valor.**

**Graphic Description of the Shedding of Blood in the Dark Continent—The Use of Dum-dum or Soft-nosed Ammunition.**

### THE TOGOLAND CAMPAIGN.

By W. F. Hutchinson.

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Special to Richmond Planet.

Of all the British possessions, the

Gold Coast Colony was the first to

take an active part in the war. With-

in a month from the start of hostil-

ities it had carried through a cam-

paign which compelled the surrender

of 34,000 square miles of territory

under the German flag.

Togoland is a wedge of territory

on the Gulf of Guinea, sandwiched

between the British Gold Coast Col-

ony on the East, and French Dahomey

on the West. With only thirty miles

of seaboard, it widens at short dis-

tance from the sea and extends in-

land about three hundred and fifty

miles, possessing a total area of a

little less than thirty-four thousand

square miles, slightly larger than

Ireland. (Deleted.)

In the North it is enclosed by the

French territory. The chief port,

Tome, is only a few miles from the

British port of Kitta and about one

hundred and ten miles from Accra,

the seat of the Gold Coast Govern-

ment. Large sums had been expend-

ed by the Germans in developing the

Colony in making the port of Tome

into a depot for trade and laying

down a railway of about one hundred

miles to the town of Kamina, almost

due North of Tome.

They had acted with their usual

cruelty towards the natives of the

country, whose rights were totally

disregarded, the country being treat-

ed as an appanage of the German

Empire, whose resource, both com-

mercial and human, were to be em-

ployed solely for the advantage and

profit of Germany and the Germans.

Many complaints of brutal dis-

gard of human life and human rights

and of scandalous outrages of decency

by Germans, officials and others, had

issued from the people, but these had

been unheard in Europe until Ger-

man arrogance threatened Europe

itself, when it was decided that Ger-

many must be turned out of Africa.

SECRET WIRELESS STATION.

There was a special reason for

turning them out of Togoland. At

Kamina they had erected one of the

most powerful wireless installations

in the world with such secrecy that

the French authorities in Dahomey

were not aware of its existence. It

communicated direct with Naueu,

near Berlin and with the German

Colonies of Cameroon and Southwest

Africa, and was no doubt intended to

maintain communication between

Berlin and German warships and

commerce-raiders operating in the

Atlantic. The installation had been

completed just before the outbreak

of the war and the designer, Baron

Codelli, was still in the Colony and

was taken prisoner by the British

forces.

On the declaration of war with

France, Major Von Doring, Acting

Governor and Commander-in-Chief in

Togoland, assuming that Great Bri-

tain would remain neutral, made

preparations to seize the French pos-

session of Dahomey, but had not com-

mitted any hostile act when Great

Britain entered into the war on the

fourth of August.

The German Governor by instruc-

tion from Berlin then cabled to the

Acting Governor of the Gold Coast

and the Governor General of French

West Africa, proposing that neutral-

ity should be observed between the

European Colonies of the Gold Coast,

Togoland and Dahomey, on grounds

of humanity and the desirability of

maintaining the prestige of the white

racism